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## **Elevated Levels of Pollution Anticipated with Major Events** ***Maricopa County Asks Residents to use Alternatives for Transportation***

(Phoenix) – With the downtown parade, block parties, and the Fiesta Bowl visitors in town, Maricopa County is urging residents to carpool, use shuttle services, or avoid unnecessary driving to keep pollution levels from becoming unhealthy.

Steve Peplau, air quality manager for Maricopa County, said "With major events all falling on Friday and our stable air mass continuing through tomorrow, we could be looking at elevated levels of pollutants."

Air quality levels for particulate matter and carbon monoxide are currently in the moderate range but are anticipated to increase before a front moves in on Saturday to blow it out.

Particulate matter is 68 on the pollution standard index (PSI) for the 24-hour average and carbon monoxide is 70 on the PSI for the 8-hour average as of 6 a.m. today.

"People come here to enjoy our beautiful deserts and see our majestic mountains but if the pollution continues to hang over the Valley, they may not be that visible," said Peplau.

For the latest air quality readings call 602-506-6400 or check out the air quality data on the web at [www.maricopa.gov/sbeap/](http://www.maricopa.gov/sbeap/) and click on the camel.